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**Remarks**

Applicant's Attorney thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of her telephone call on June 8, 2004, in which claims 34-40 were discussed. It was agreed that if the choke ring gap size as identified in the specification of less than 4.57 mm were incorporated into claim 34 that claim 34 would be allowable. New claim 41 presents the 4.57 mm gap size.

Since the scope of new claim 41 renders claim 35 unnecessary, claim 35 is canceled from the application. The remaining claims 34-40 have been amended as necessary to conform to the replacement of claim 34 with claim 41.

It is understood that the claims in the application are now allowable. If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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